

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Original) A method for playing a card game by assembling at least three hands comprising:

the player making a wager;

dealing cards to a player position and dealer position sufficient for each to form at least a low hand, a middle hand and a high hand or one card each and where N = number of cards for each hand and hands have N cards according to the following expression;

Hand 1 $N \geq 1$

Hand 2 \geq Number of cards for Hand 1

Hand 3 \geq Number of cards for Hand 2

the player and dealer assembling said low, middle and high hands such that the middle hand outranks the low hand and the high hand outranks the middle hand;

comparing the corresponding dealer and player low hands, middle hands, and high hands and if the at least two of the player's hands outrank the corresponding two dealer hands, issuing an award to the player.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 comprising dealing cards to the player and dealer to form said low, middle and high hands according to the following formula,

Hand	Number of Cards
1	N (where $N \geq 1$)
2	$>$ Number of Cards of Hand
3	\geq Number of cards for Hand 2.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2 comprising dealing six cards to the dealer and player and each forming a one card low hand, a two card middle hand and a three card high hand.

4. (Amended) The method of ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 comprising ranking the hands according to the rankings of Poker.

5. (Original) A device for playing a Poker game using comprising:

a device for the player to input a wager;

a display;

a data processor configured to randomly select from a data structure storing data representing a deck of playing cards, playing cards for each of a dealer hand and a player hand and to display at the display the cards of the player hand;

an input device for the player to input control to the processor to arrange at the display the player cards into a low ranked hand, a middle ranked hand and a higher ranked, where the number of cards for the hands are determined by

Hand 1 $N \geq 1$

Hand 2 \geq Number of cards for Hand 1

Hand 3 \geq Number of cards for Hand 2

where N = the number of cards;

a prompting device for the player to prompt the processor to complete play, said processor configured to, upon the input of the prompt, arrange and display the dealer's hand into a corresponding low ranked hand, a middle ranked hand and a higher ranked hand according to the rules of Poker and said processor configured to compare the rankings of the corresponding player and dealer low, middle and high hands and (a) if

at least two of the player's hands outrank the corresponding dealer's hands issuing an award to the player.